

TCT Meeting Notes

Meeting at EPA Oregon Operations Office
February 11, 2015

Participants:

Kristine Koch, EPA
Sean Sheldrake, EPA
Elizabeth Allen, EPA
Rich Muza, EPA
Rene Fuentes, EPA
Debbie Robinson, EPA
Anne Christopher, EPA
Alanna Conley, EPA
Genevieve Angle, NMFS
Gabriel Moses, Umatilla
Julie Weis, Siletz

Deb Yamamoto, EPA
Karl Gustavson, USACE
Matt McClincy, DEQ
Tom Gainer, DEQ
Rita Cabral, Five Tribes
Rose Longoria, Yakama
Erin Madden, Nez Perce
Paul Bianco, Ridolfi
Scott Coffey, CDM Smith
Todd King, CDM Smith

The meeting began at 9:30 am.

Community Involvement Update

Earth Care Summit: The summit was held on January 24-25, 2015, and Kristine Koch gave a short presentation on Portland Harbor. Six individuals signed up to get more information.

Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting: A CAG meeting is scheduled for this evening to discuss monitored natural recovery (MNR).

Environmental Justice Task Force: The Task Force will meet on February 27, 2015 in Portland to discuss natural resource issues in Oregon. Portland Harbor is on the agenda for a 15-minute update. Contact Ben Dunkins if you want to be placed on their agenda for updates.

Portland Community Summit "GET IT TOGETHER": This summit will be held on February 28, 2015 from 8 am to 5 pm. EPA and DEQ will be sharing a booth.

22nd Annual Clean Water Summit: This summit will be held on March 10, 2015 and focuses on children. Alanna Conley and Sean Sheldrake will be speaking at the summit.

Portland Harbor Community Coalition: EPA met with this group on January 13, 2015 where they requested a newsletter template from EPA. The group requested a meeting with the EPA to discuss Willamette Cove, and requested information on access to the river.

Early Actions Update

Arkema:

EPA's comment letter on Arkema's investigation work plan is about ready to be sent. EPA will extend invitations to TCT members to provide input on the Arkema issues.

Terminal 4:

EPA is talking with the Port of Portland about the Alder Creek mitigation site as a decision was made not to use this mitigation option. Dahl Beach is a mitigation option the Port is considering.

River Mile 11 East:

A recontamination conference call is scheduled for February 13, 2015.

Remedial Investigation (RI) Report Update

Section 10:

EPA received additional edits from LWG on Section 10. EPA is reviewing these changes and has scheduled a meeting with LWG for February 13, 2015 to reconcile these edits.

Executive Summary:

EPA sent LWG a draft of the Executive Summary on January 13, 2015. EPA informed LWG to submit any proposed revisions by February 12, 2015.

Section 7 Dispute:

No dispute decision has been released yet.

Feasibility Study (FS) Report Update

Section 2:

EPA is making final edits to Section 2. It will be distributed this week to the TCT and LWG. If any TCT members have questions, send them to Kristine Koch or give her a call.

FS Section 3:

Schedule for submission of Section 3 to the TCT is likely to be delayed from March 4, 2015. EPA has encountered some delays from the dioxin/furan analysis and background dispute.

DEQ Upland Source Control Update

Linnton Plywood: The public comment period for the Linnton Plywood Association site has ended. DEQ did not receive any comments. DEQ is proceeding with consent judgment.

Proposed Source Control Decisions: DEQ sent two notices to the TCT about proposed source control decisions: 1) Oregon Beverage Site, and 2) Rhone Polenc historical drainage ditch. There is a 30-day comment period and comments should be submitted by March 9, 2015.

Upland Source Control Summary Report: DEQ received comments on the upland source control summary report from LWG. DEQ is setting up a meeting with the LWG.

Downtown Reach at River Mile (RM) 13.1 and RM 13.5: DEQ has released the proposed remedy for these two sites this month to the public for comment.

Meetings

- February 11, 2015: CAG Meeting
- February 12, 2015: Technical meeting with LWG on dioxin/furan RALs

- February 13, 2015: EPA/LWG meeting on RI Section 10
- February 24, 2015: Portland Harbor Project Managers Meeting
- February 25, 2015: TCT Meeting – conference call

Additional Items

Future CAG Meeting Topics:

Next CAG meeting topic in March 2015 will focus on capping. EPA plans to talk about dredging at the April 2015 CAG meeting and technology treatment at the May 2015 meeting.

Dioxin/Furan Congeners:

EPA has developed Preliminary Remediation Goals (PRGs) for five dioxin/furan congeners. EPA is considering developing RALs for the congeners listed below but is still evaluating information:

- 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD)
- 1,2,3,7,8-Pentachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (PeCDD)
- 2,3,4,7,8-Pentachlorodibenzofuran (PeCDF)

RAL Finalization:

EPA is considering the appropriate scale for RAL development, reviewing LWG's RALs, and evaluating other options. At this point, EPA is considering the following:

- **Total PCB RAL:** EPA will be using LWG's RALs.
- **Total PAH RAL:** EPA will be using LWG's benzo(a)pyrene equivalent (BaPEq) RALs converted by EPA to Total PAHs.
- **DDx:** EPA will use the RALs calculated by EPA in 2011.
- **Dioxin/Furans:** EPA is still evaluating the congener RALs. EPA is considering three options. EPA is also evaluating RAL development on a site-wide scale and Sediment Decision Unit (SDU) scale.

FS Section 3 and 4 Review Process

- EPA will be submitting FS Sections 3 and 4 to the TCT and EPA HQ simultaneously.
- Comments from both parties will be resolved at the same time.
- Comments can be submitted in writing but substantive topics of concern should be brought to the attention of EPA earlier to get quicker resolution. EPA will not be providing formal written responses to the comments but there will be discussion.
- EPA requested that discussion topics identified by a TCT member should be forwarded to all TCT members and not just EPA so others can indicate an interest in being a part of the resolution discussion.

11:00 am – Meeting adjourns.